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NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD OVERSEES CLEAN UP EFFORTS IN KINDER MORGAN PIPELINE SPILL IN BURNABY, B.C.

CALGARY — The National Energy Board (NEB) is responding to an oil pipeline spill from a Kinder Morgan Canada pipeline in Burnaby, B.C that occurred on Tuesday, July 24.

The NEB is leading the coordinated response of federal and provincial agencies. The NEB environmental, emergency response and integrity management specialists are on site and have established an emergency operations centre for federal agencies. Also responding to the spill are Kinder Morgan Canada, the Transportation Safety Board (TSB), RCMP, local authorities and the City of Burnaby. A Regional Environmental Emergencies Team is also responding which includes the NEB as well as Environment Canada, BC Ministry of Environment, the Vancouver Port Authority and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The spill occurred at 12:22 Pacific Daylight Time on the NEB-regulated Kinder Morgan pipeline embedded in Inlet Drive in Burnaby. The pipe was struck by a third-party contractor doing construction in the area. The 24-inch pipe is on a line connecting the Burnaby Tank Farm with the Westridge Marine Terminal. The volume of oil that was released is not known at this time.

The NEB is the lead agency with respect to the clean up and will oversee the actions of the company and coordinate the federal response. Clean up efforts are currently underway and will focus on short and long term remediation of the environment.

The NEB's priorities are the safety of local residents, the containment and clean up of the spill and assisting the TSB in their assessment of the incident. NEB staff will remain onsite to provide all possible assistance throughout the response process.

Kinder Morgan Canada has enacted its Emergency Response Plan.

The NEB is an independent federal agency that regulates parts of Canada's energy industry. Its purpose is to promote safety and security, environmental protection, and efficient energy infrastructure and markets in the Canadian public interest, within the mandate set by Parliament in the regulation of pipelines, energy development and trade.

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